Guide to Home-Generated Sharps (needles) and Drug Disposal in Alameda County

Thanks to the County ordinances requiring manufacturer funded and operated takeback programs for drugs and sharps (needles) Alameda County has a robust and growing network of local pharmacies, police departments, hospitals and other sites that collect drugs and sharps as well as a free mail back program for sharps.

Drugs:

Convenient self-service kiosks are currently located at 103 sites throughout the county that accept all prescription drugs in any dosage form (pills, liquids, creams, aerosols). Each site has a self-service kiosk near the pharmacy area or, for police departments and hospitals, in the lobby. Prefilled syringes and auto injectors with an integral or attached needle should be handled as a “Sharp.”

Prepare your drugs for disposal before arriving at the kiosk site:
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Protect your privacy by removing or obscuring any labels showing your personal information on drug containers or vials. You can pour all your pills into a Zip-lock bag no larger than 1 gallon in size, and recycle the vials and other containers in your home recycling. Liquids and creams should remain in their original containers and tightly closed to prevent leakage. Aerosols should have their protective caps affixed to prevent accidental discharge. Remove inhaler vials from the inhaler mechanism.

At the kiosk:
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Take care at the kiosk not to introduce too many materials into the kiosk drop-chute at one time. Check the kiosk chute after closing to ensure the drugs dropped into the kiosk. Federal law prevents anyone from reviewing or examining the drugs you wish to dispose, so place them in the kiosk yourself – do not accept any unsolicited assistance to do so.

Sharps:

Sharps, syringes, needles, auto injectors, prefilled syringes with needle, and lancets should be in a sealed FDA-cleared Sharps container. Sharps containers are available in most drug stores and from mail order & internet e-commerce sources. Kiosks in pharmacies, Hospitals and Police Departments can accept Sharps containers up to 1 gallon in size. Larger sharps containers need to be brought to one of the 4 county Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facilities.

Free Mail-back containers:

MED-Project mail-back containers mailed directly to your home are available by calling 1-844-633-7765 or visiting https://med-project.org/locations/ameda/mail-back to fill out an on-line order form.

Novo Nordisk also has a free Mail-back container service for their customers. Call 1-877-438-0564 or on the web at https://www.novocare.com/content/novocare/en/psp/safe-needles-program-container.html

Inmar mail-back containers mailed directly to your home are available by calling 1-866-440-6917 or visiting https://safemedicinedrop.com/locations/ameda-california/mail-back-request/ to fill out an on-line order form.

See the list on the next page – All sites take drugs. Sites that say (Sharps Accepted) take sharps in sharps containers up to one gallon in size. The Household Hazardous waste facilities take larger sharps containers and are the solution for residents who have large quantities or do not have sharps containers.
Medication Drop-Off Locations near Oakland, Berkeley, Emeryville, Alameda & Piedmont

ALAMEDA

Alameda Hospital  (Sharps accepted)
2070 Clinton Avenue
Alameda
Mon-Fri 8am-6pm; Sat-Sun 8am-4pm

CVS Pharmacy
2314 Santa Clara Avenue
Alameda  8am-11pm

Kaiser Permanente Pharmacy #101
2417 Central Avenue
Alameda,  Mon-Fri. 8:30am-5:15pm

Safeway Pharmacy
867 ISLAND Dr.
Alameda, CA
(510) 747-1647 M-F 9am-1pm, 1:45pm-8pm
Sat-Sun 9am-5pm

Safeway Pharmacy
2227 SOUTH SHORE CENTER
Alameda, CA
(510) 863-9004 M-F 9am-1pm, 1:45pm-8pm
Sat-Sun 9am-5pm

Walgreen’s Pharmacy
2300 Otis Drive
Alameda  (open 24-hours a day)

Walgreens
1916 Webster St.
Alameda, CA
(510) 864-2800 8am-9pm daily

ALBANY

CVS Pharmacy  (Sharps only)
1382 Solano Avenue
Albany, CA
(510) 559-3414

BERKELEY

Berkeley Police Department  (Sharps accepted)
2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley  Mon-Fri 8am-5pm

CVS Pharmacy  (Sharps accepted)
2655 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley  9am-8pm daily

CVS Pharmacy
1451 Shattuck Avenue
Berkeley  8am-9pm daily

CVS Pharmacy
2300 Shattuck Avenue

Kaiser Berkeley Hospital MOB
2621 Tenth Street
Berkeley, CA
510-898-4200  Mon-Fri 8:30 am-5 pm

Safeway Pharmacy
1444 SHATUCK PL.
Berkeley, CA
(510) 542-M F 9am-1:15, 2pm-7pm Sat-Sun
9am-9pm

Walgreens
1050 Gilman St.
Berkeley, CA
(510) 528-8274 9am-6pm daily

Walgreens (Sharps Only)
2801 Adeline St.
Berkeley 8am–9pm daily

EMERYVILLE

Emeryville Police Department
2449 Powell Street
Emeryville  Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

OAKLAND

Access Pharmacy  (Sharps accepted)
2693 Fruitvale Ave.
Oakland, CA
510-530-3156 Mon-Fri 10am-6pm; Sat 10am-
2pm

APEB (Sharps collection, ONLY)
8400 Enterprise Way.
Oakland, CA

Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Police
Department
101 8th Street
Oakland  Mon-Fri 8am-5pm

CVS Pharmacy
175 41st Street
Oakland  8am-10pm daily

CVS Pharmacy  (Sharps accepted)
7200 Bancroft Avenue
Oakland  8am-8pm daily

CVS Pharmacy
3320 Fruitvale Avenue
Oakland,  8am-10pm daily

CVS Pharmacy  (Sharps accepted)
4100 Redwood Road
Oakland  9am-7pm daily

CVS Pharmacy  (Sharps accepted)
344 Thomas L. Berkeley Way
Oakland  8:30am-6pm daily

Highland Hospital Outpatient Pharmacy
(Sharps accepted)

1411 East 11th Street
Oakland  Mon-Sat 8am-6pm

Kaiser Permanente Pharmacy #102
3701 Broadway, 1st Floor
Oakland  Mon-Fri 8:30am-7:30pm; Sat-Sun 9am-6pm

Kaiser Permanente Pharmacy #105
3600 Broadway, 1st Floor
Oakland  Mon-Fri 8am-8pm; Sat-Sun 9am-6pm

New Oakland Pharmacy #1  (Sharps accepted)
333 9th Street
Oakland  Mon-Fri 9am-1pm; 2-5:30pm

New Oakland Pharmacy #2  (Sharps accepted)
388 9th Street #108
Oakland  Mon-Fri 9am-5:30pm; Sat 9:30am-1:30pm

New Oakland Pharmacy – Lake Merritt  (Sharps accepted)
250 East 18th Street
Oakland  Mon-Fri 9am-1pm; 1:30-5:30pm

Walgreens  (Sharps accepted)
3434 High Street 8am -9PM
Oakland CA 94619

Rite Aid
1991 Mountain Blvd 8am-10pm M-F 10-6 S-S
Oakland CA 94611

Safeway Pharmacy
6310 COLLEGE AVE.
Oakland, CA
(510) 985-0017 M-F 9am-1:15pm, 2pm-8pm
Sat-Sun 9am-5pm

Safeway Pharmacy
5100 BROADWAY
Oakland, CA
(510) 285-0790 M-F 9am-1:15pm, 2pm-8pm
Sat-Sun 9am-5pm

Walgreen’s Pharmacy  (Sharps accepted)
3434 High Street
Oakland, CA
510-261-1984 7am–12 midnight daily

Walgreens
3250 Lakeshore Ave.
Oakland, CA
(510) 271-0843 9am-9pm daily

Walgreens
1333 Broadway
Oakland, CA
(510) 832-2694 9am-6pm daily

Walgreens
5809 Foothill Blvd.
Oakland, CA
(510) 564-0404 8am-6pm daily

Walgreens
310 East 18th St.  
Oakland, CA  
(510) 271-0103 9am-6pm daily  

Walgreens  
3232 Foothill Blvd.  
Oakland, CA  
(510) 261-4552 M-F 8am-9pm, Sat-Sun 9am-6pm

Walgreens  
5055 Telegraph Ave.  
Oakland, CA  
(510) 595-3605 9am-6pm daily  

Wellspring Pharmacy (Sharps accepted)  
4184C Piedmont Avenue  
Oakland  
Mon-Fri 10am-7pm

PIEDMONT  

Piedmont Police Department (Sharps accepted)  
403 Highland Avenue  
Piedmont  (open 24-hours a day)

Sharps Only  
Household Hazardous Waste Facilities  

Oakland HHW facility  
2100 E 7th Street Oakland 94606  
Wed-Fri 9:2-30 Sat 9-4

CASTRO VALLEY  

CVS Pharmacy (Sharps accepted)  
3667 Castro Valley Boulevard  
Castro Valley  
8am-9pm

Eden Medical Center  
20103 Lake Chabot Road Castro Valley  
Lobby open 24 hours

Walgreens (Sharps Only)  
3382 Castro Valley Blvd.  
Castro Valley 8am–9pm M-F, 9am-6pm Sat-Sun

HAYWARD  

CVS Pharmacy (Sharps accepted)  
26059 Mission Boulevard  
Hayward  
8am-9pm daily

CVS Pharmacy (Sharps accepted)  
243 West Jackson Street  
Hayward  
9am-8pm daily  

Mission Pharmacy (Sharps accepted)  
22138 Mission Blvd.  
Hayward Mon-Fri 9am-1pm; 2-5:30pm

Teds Drugs (Sharps accepted)  
27453 Hesperian Boulevard  
Hayward  
Mon-Fri 9:30am-6pm

Tennyson Pharmacy (Sharps accepted)  
589 W. Tennyson Road  
Hayward  
Mon-Fri 9am-7pm;

Safeway Pharmacy  
22280 FOOTHILL Blvd.  
Hayward, CA  
(510) 582-5706 M-F 9am-1:15pm, 2pm-8pm  
Sat-Sun 9am-5pm

CSU East Bay Pharmacy  
28500 Carlos Bee Blvd  
Hayward

Walgreens  
164 W Jackson St.  
Hayward, CA  
(510) 781-0900 9am-6pm daily

Walgreens  
23958 Hesperian Blvd.  
Hayward, CA  
(510) 786-9174 10am-6pm daily

Walgreens  
21463 Foothill Blvd.  
Hayward, CA  
(510) 538-2745 10am-6pm daily

Walgreens  
1138 W Tennyson Rd.  
Hayward, CA  
(510) 293-9031 8am-9pm daily

Sharps Only  
Household Hazardous Waste Facilities  

Hayward HW facility  
2091 W Winton Ave Hayward  94545  
Thurs &Fri 9-2:30  Sat 9-4

Visit Stopwaste.org or 800-606-6606 for more information.
SAN LEANDRO

Alameda County Sheriff's Office
15001 Foothill Boulevard
San Leandro Mon-Fri: 7-5pm

CVS Pharmacy (Sharps accepted)
1550 East 14th Street
San Leandro 8am-9pm daily

CVS Pharmacy (Sharps accepted)
699 Lewelling Boulevard
San Leandro 8am-10pm daily

CVS Pharmacy
1401 Washington Ave
San Leandro 8am-10pm daily

Kaiser Permanente Discharge Pharmacy #923
2500 Merced St.
San Leandro, CA
510-454-6960 Mon-Fri 8am-8:30pm; Sat-Sun 8 am-7pm

San Leandro Hospital (Sharps accepted)
13855 E. 14th Street
San Leandro, CA
510-357-6500 Mon-Fri 8am-9pm; Sat-Sun 8:30am-8pm

San Leandro Senior Community Center (Sharps collection, ONLY)
13909 E. 14th Street
San Leandro, CA
(510) 577-3462 Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm

Walgreen’s Pharmacy
15500 Washington Avenue
San Leandro (open 24-hours a day)

Walgreens
1456 136th Ave.
San Leandro, CA
(510) 618-1504 9am-6pm daily

Rite Aid Pharmacy
1355 MacArthur Blvd Mon-Fri 8am-6pm
San Leandro Sat-Sun 10am-6pm
Sharps Only
Household Hazardous Waste Facilities

Fremont HHW facility
41149 Boyce Road Fremont 94538
Wed-Fri 9-2:30 Sat 9-4

Visit Stopwaste.org or 800-606-6606 for more information.

FREMONT

Capsule Pharmacy (Sharps accepted)
2557 Mowry Avenue Ste. 11
Fremont  Mon-Fri 9am-6:30pm
CVS Pharmacy  (Sharps accepted)
2000 Driscoll Road
Fremont  9am-8pm daily

CVS Pharmacy  (Sharps accepted)
4020 Fremont Boulevard
Fremont  (Open 24-hours a day)

CVS Pharmacy  (Sharps accepted)
35720 Fremont Boulevard
Fremont  9am-9pm daily

CVS Pharmacy
46445 Mission Boulevard
Fremont  8am-9pm daily

Daysman Pharmacy  (Sharps collection, ONLY)
3760 Mowry Avenue
Fremont  M-F 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-5pm

Haller's Pharmacy and Medical Supply  (Sharps accepted)
37323 Fremont Boulevard
Fremont  Mon-Fri 9am-7pm; Sat 9am-5pm; Sun 10am-5pm

Jade Pharmacy
34460 Fremont Boulevard, Ste. B
Fremont  Mon-Fri 9:30am-6pm

Kaiser Permanente Ohlone Pharmacy #162
39400 Paseo Padre Parkway
Fremont  Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Mowry Medical Pharmacy
1999 Mowry Avenue, Ste. 2A
Fremont  Mon-Thu 9am-6pm; Sat 10am-1pm

Walgreens  (Sharps accepted)
41400 Blacow Rd.
Fremont, CA  (510) 440-8195  10am-5:30pm daily

Walgreens  (Sharps accepted)
2600 Mowry Rd.
Fremont, CA  (510) 742-9356  9am-9pm daily

Walgreens  (Sharps accepted)
3860 Decoto Rd.
Fremont, CA  (510) 793-9788  8am-10pm daily

Washington Hospital Health System
2000 Mowry Avenue, 1st Floor Lobby
Fremont  (open 24-hours a day)

NEWARK

Clover Pharmacy & Wellness
6170 Thornton Ave. Suite E
Newark 10am-6pm M-F

CVS Pharmacy  (Sharps accepted)
35080 Newark Boulevard
Newark 8am-9pm daily
UNION CITY
Kaiser Permanente Main Pharmacy #132
3553 Whipple Road
Union City  Mon-Fri 8:30-6:30pm

Rite Aid Pharmacy
31836 Alvarado Blvd.
Union City, CA
(510) 489-3955  M-Sat 7am-11pm, Sun 7am-10pm

Rite Aid Pharmacy
1650 Decoto Rd.
Union City, CA
(510) 429-0195  7am-10pm daily

Safeway Pharmacy
1790 DECOTO Rd.
Union City, CA
(510) 429-9093 M-F 9am-1pm, 1:45pm-8pm
Sat-Sun 9am-5pm
Medication Drop-Off Locations in the Tri Valley area Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin

**DUBLIN**

**CVS Pharmacy** (Sharps accepted)
7201 Regional Street
Dublin 10am-7pm daily

**Dublin Police Department**
100 Civic Plaza
Dublin Mon-Fri 8am-5pm

**Kaiser Permanente Pharmacy #061**
3100 Dublin Blvd (Sharps Accepted)
Dublin 8:30am-10pm 7 days /week

**LIVERMORE**

**CVS Pharmacy** (Sharps accepted)
1502 1st Street
Livermore 9am-9pm daily

**CVS Pharmacy** (Sharps accepted)
4405 1st Street
Livermore 9am-8pm daily

**Kaiser Permanente Pharmacy #241** (Sharps accepted)
3000 Las Positas Road
Livermore Mon-Fri 8:45am-6pm

**Rite Aid Pharmacy**
968 Murrieta Blvd
Livermore Mon-Fri 9am-9pm

**Rite Aid Pharmacy**
1350 N Vasco Rd
Livermore Mon-Fri 9am-9pm

**Walgreens**
1620 First St.
Livermore, CA (925) 724-0131 M-F: 9am-7pm; Sat-Sun 9am-6pm

**PLEASANTON**

**CVS Pharmacy** (Sharps accepted)
3010 Bernal Avenue
Pleasanton 9am-9pm daily

**CVS Pharmacy** (Sharps accepted)
6750 Bernal Avenue
Pleasanton 8am-10pm daily

**CVS Pharmacy**
3999 Santa Rita Road
Pleasanton 8am-9pm daily

**Kaiser Permanente Pharmacy South 1 #471** (Sharps accepted)
7601 Stoneridge Drive
Pleasanton Mon-Fri 8:30am-8:30pm; Sat 8:30am-4pm

**Pleasanton Police Department**
4833 Bernal Avenue
Pleasanton (open 24-hours a day)

**Rite Aid Pharmacy**
2819 Hoppyard Rd
Mon-Fri 9am-9pm

**Safeway Pharmacy**
6790 BERNAL Ave.
Pleasanton (925) 484-1960 M-F 9am-1:15pm, 2pm-8pm

**Walgreens**
1763 Santa Rita Road
Pleasanton 8am-10pm daily

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**Sharps Only**
Household Hazardous Waste Facilities

**Livermore HHW facility**
5584 La Ribera St  Livermore  94550
Thurs &Fri 9-2:30  Sat 9-4

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